

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TRUDI SCHMIDT**, on April 13, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317-A Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Trudi Schmidt, Chairman (D)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. John Cobb (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Greg Lind (D)
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzienried (D)
Sen. Dan Weinberg (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB829, 4/4/2007

Executive Action: HB 480; HB 829; HB 95; SJ 27

00:00:00

HEARING ON HB 829

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:25 REP. LLEW JONES (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 829, Blackfeet Tribe - State water compact implementation.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:53 Susan Cottingham, Staff Director, Reserve Water Rights Compact Commission

00:21:18 David Ewer, Budget Director

00:22:42 John Bloomquist, Water Rights Attorney, PCCRC

00:25:26 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:49 Sen. Lewis to David Ewer

00:30:23 Sen. Wanzenried to Susan Cottingham

00:32:03 Sen. Williams to Susan Cottingham

00:33:28 Rep. Jones

00:34:48 Sen. Schmidt to Susan Cottingham

00:39:55 Rep. Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:44 Rep. Jones

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 480

00:46:00 Motion: SEN. LAIBLE moved TO RECONSIDER ACTION ON HB 480.

Discussion:

00:46:31 Sen. Laible

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00:47:43 Recess

01:16:34 Reconvene

01:16:49 Sen. Laible

01:17:57 Vote: Motion to reconsider carried 15-1 by voice vote with SEN. WANZENRIED voting no.

01:18:43 Sen. Laible

01:19:46 Motion/Vote: SEN. LAIBLE moved that HB 480 BE AMENDED. Motion carried 14-5 by voice vote with SEN. COBB, SEN. HANSEN, SEN. TROPILA, SEN. WANZENRIED, and SEN. WEINBERG voting no.

01:20:44 Motion/Vote: SEN. LAIBLE moved that HB 480 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried 14-4 by voice vote with SEN. HANSEN, SEN. TROPILA, SEN. WANZENRIED, and SEN. WEINBERG voting no.

Sen. Laible will carry the bill in the Senate.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 829

01:21:48 Motion: SEN. COBB moved that HB 829 BE CONCURRED IN.

01:21:55 Motion/Vote: SEN. HANSEN moved that AMENDMENT HB082903.ALH BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 18-0 by voice vote with SEN. STAPLETON AND SEN. TASH voting aye by proxy.

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01:22:10 Motion/Vote: SEN. COBB moved that HB 829 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried 18-0 by voice vote with SEN. STAPLETON AND SEN. TASH voting aye by proxy.

Sen. Juneau will carry the bill in the Senate.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 95

01:23:30 Motion: SEN. LIND moved that HB 95 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

01:23:41 Sen. Lind

01:24:01 Sen. Williams

01:24:44 Vote: Motion carried 18-0 by voice vote with Sen. Tash and Stapleton voting aye by proxy.

Sen. Lind will carry the bill in the Senate.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 27

01:25:54 Motion: SEN. WEINBERG moved that SJ 27 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:26:37 Sen. Laible to Sen. Weinberg

01:28:50 Sen. Bales to Sen. Weinberg

01:31:40 Sen. Tropila to Sen. Weinberg

01:32:08 Sen. Schmidt

01:32:17 Vote: Motion carried 16-2 by voice vote with SEN. BALES voting no. SEN. STAPLETON voted no by proxy.

01:32:52 Recess

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:00 A.M.

SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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